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UNCLAS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TWX REQUESTING INFORMATION FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER W. R. NORWOOD, WE HAVE CONTACTED A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE AEC AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. A SUMMARY OF PERTINENT FACTS AND OPINIONS RELATIVE TO YOUR QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ON JUNE 30, 1960, THE AEC TRANSFERRED POSSESSION OF THE PACIFIC PROVING GROUNDS, INCLUDING BIKINI ATOLL, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NAVY. LATER THE NAVY RELINQUISHED CONTROL OF PPG TO THE AIR FORCE AS PART OF THE WESTERN TEST RANGE. CURRENTLY THE AIR FORCE IS CONDUCTING CLASSIFIED ACTIVITIES IN THAT AREA. IF YOU DESIRE DETAILS AS TO THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITIES, YOU SHOULD DIRECT INQUIRIES TO THE AIR FORCE LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE WESTERN TEST RANGE WHO IS STATIONED IN HONOLULU. THOUGH A NUMBER OF RADIOLOGICAL SURVEYS AND BIOENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AT BIKINI SINCE THE LAST TEST THERE, NONE WERE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TOWARD DETERMINING WHEN THE ISLANDS COULD BE REINHABITED. IT IS THE OPINION OF DR. GORDON DUNNING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DOS, HQ, AND OTHERS THAT, AT PRESENT, THERE SIMPLY IS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT ALL FACETS OF THE RADIOLOGICAL PROBLEMS AT BIKINI TO ALLOW AUTHORITIES IN THE AEC TO CONSIDER REINHABITATION OF THE ISLANDS ON A COMPLETELY UNRESTRICTED BASIS.

2. IT IS THE OPINION OF MR. THOMAS FLEMING, CHIEF COUNSEL, NVOC, THAT AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF THE ABANDONED VESSELS MUST BE DELEGATED BY DOD. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVITY, IF ANY, CONTAINED IN THE ABANDONED VESSELS IS NOT KNOWN.

3. MAJOR GENERAL A. V. OBERBECK, COMMANDER, JTF-6, HAS RECENTLY SENT A LETTER TO DASA STATING JTF-6 HAD NO FURTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WEATHER/RAD SAFE LEASE SITES ON THE ISLANDS MENTIONED IN YOUR TVX. IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHAT FURTHER NEED DASA MAY HAVE. FURTHER INQUIRY CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO HEADQUARTERS, DASA. END REF OAGS:FDC-26.

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